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9 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

FROM: Chief, Geographic Research

SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of March 1959

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A. Research and Technical Support Activity

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25X1 [REDACTED] A wide variety of intelligence support was given to several consumers, including the Special Assistant to the DD/I (Planning), the Department of State Antarctic office, and the National Security Council, all centered on a review of United States policy relative to continuation of activities in Antarctica. More specifically, the DCI was among several officials briefed, [REDACTED] Chief of the Special Research Branch, Geography Division -- accompanied the DCI to the National Security Council meeting. The support to the Department of State consisted of a review of a paper detailing their holdings of documents that could support a United States claim in the Antarctic. A Geographic Intelligence Memorandum on "Soviet Penetration into North Atlantic Waters" was completed and sent to the OCI requester. The contribution on selected Soviet developments in physical science and the role of geography in Soviet science and technology was prepared and forwarded to the Scientific Intelligence Committee for their use in the preparation of NIE 11-6-59.

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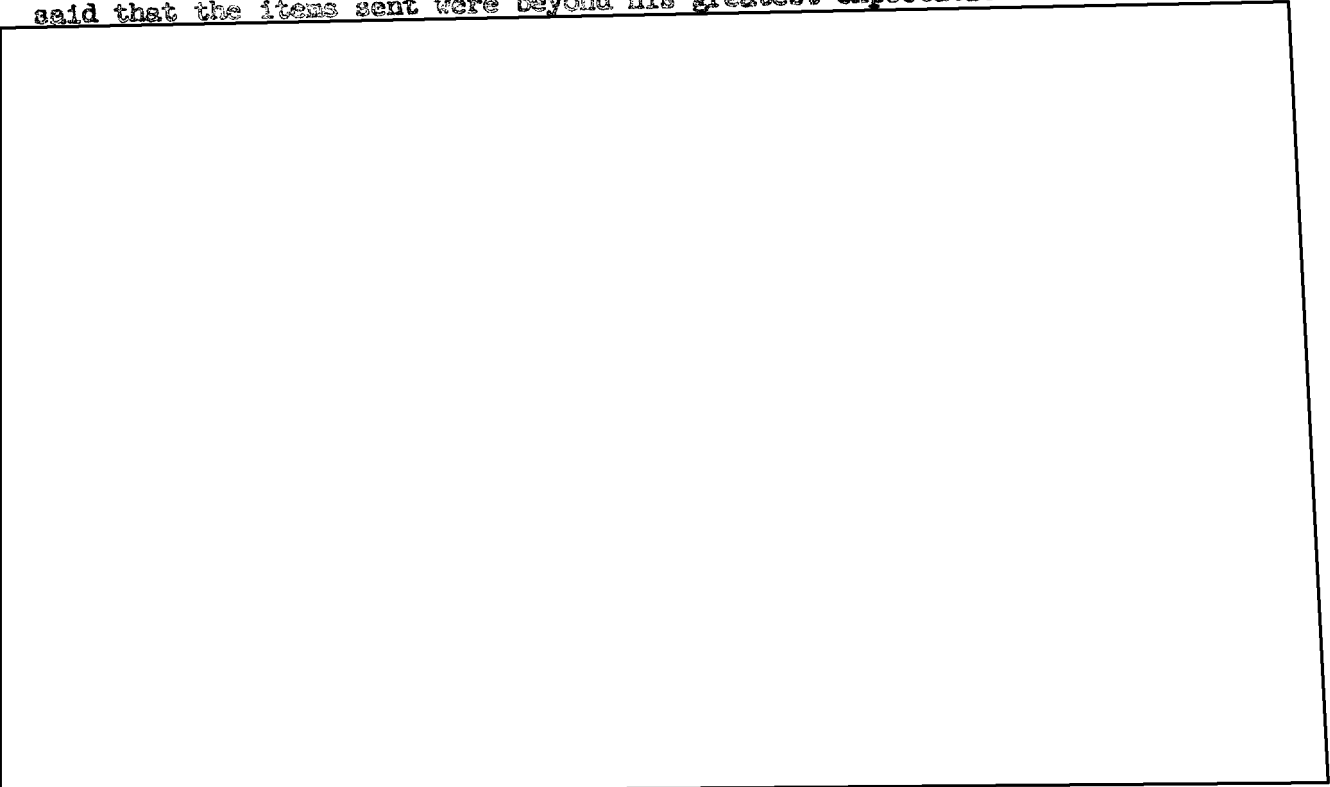
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5. The Department of State Senior Officer Course was supplied with numerous maps -- political and physical -- on Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, and Indonesia. The instructor called to express his pleasure and appreciation and said that the items sent were beyond his greatest expectations.

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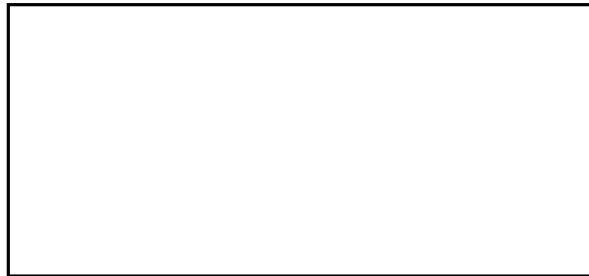
4. Chief/G accompanied members of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee to St. Louis for a briefing at the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center on their work in establishing their world geodetic system.

D. Problems

The curtailment of FDD services to ORR to 150 pages of translating per month, if carried through, will cut directly into the Geography Division program.

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